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GENEVA, JANUARY 10-13, 1978

SUMMARY: ECE WORKING PARTY ON AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS
MET JAN. 10-13 AND TOOK A NUMBER OF DECISIONS WHICH ARE
SUMMARIZED BELOW. SOVIET AND GDR PROTESTS REGARDING
BERLIN ARE REPORTED SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. THE ECE WORKING PARTY ON AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS
HELD ITS EIGHTH SESSION FROM 10-13 JANUARY 1978, IN
GENEVA. FOURTEEN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S.,
SUBMITTED WRITTEN STATEMENTS ON A REVIEW AND ANALYSIS
OF THE EXISTING SITUATION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS IN THE
PREVENTION OF AIR POLLUTION. THE U.S. PAPER, WHICH WAS
ELABORATED UPON IN DISCUSSION BY THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE,
SUMMARIZED THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT
AMENDMENTS OF 1977.

2. THE WORKING PARTY AGREED THAT NEXT YEAR, DISCUSSION
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OF COUNTRY STATEMENTS WILL BE BASED ON SHORT WRITTEN
STATEMENTS OUTLINING ONLY NEW EVENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED
IN 1978.

3. THE WORKING PARTY INVITED DELEGATIONS TO SUBMIT BY
THE END OF MARCH 1978, INFORMATION ON SO 2 EMISSIONS FOR
1975 ACCORDING TO THE AGREED METHODOLOGY (SEE ENV/WP.1/8,

PARA 10,11, AND 12).

4. THE NEXT STEERING BODY MEETING FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF LONG-RANGE TRANSMISSION OF AIR POLLUTANTS IN EUROPE WILL BE HELD IN DECEMBER 11-13, 1978.

5. THE WORKING PARTY THANKED THE U.S., THE LEAD COUNTRY OF THE TASK FORCE FOR THE SEMINAR ON FINE PARTICULATES, FOR PREPARING ITS REPORT AND FOR HAVING COMPLETED ITS REVISIONS ACCORDING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SEMINAR. AS SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAD NOT RECEIVED A COPY OF THE FINAL REPORT PRIOR TO ATTENDING MEETING, THE U.S. REP. AGREED TO HAVE COPIES SENT TO THEM ON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON. IT WAS AGREED THAT THOSE DELEGATIONS WISHING TO COMMENT ON THE FINAL REPORT WOULD SUBMIT, BY MARCH 15, 1978, TO S. REZNEK, U.S. EPA, WASH. DC THEIR COMMENTS. THE FINAL REPORT WILL THEN BE TRANSLATED INTO THREE LANGUAGES AND DISTRIBUTED IN 1978.

6. THE U.S. DELEGATE AGREED TO SYNTHESIZE ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS AND PREPARE A TWO-PAGE PAPER FOR DELIVERY AT THE NINTH SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY OUTLINING POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF FINE PARTICULATES.

7. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE U.S. INPUT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTROL OF EMISSIONS FROM THE NON-FERROUS METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY WAS RECEIVED ALTHOUGH SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS HAD NOT YET SUBMITTED THEIR MATERIAL. IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT A MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE BE CONVENED IN AUTUMN OF 1978 TO REVIEW CHAPTERS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THAT TIME.

8. U.S. REP. TENTATIVELY AGREED TO PROVIDE A RAPPORTEUR FOR THE SEMINAR ON AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS FROM SPECIFIC BRANCHES OF THE ORGANIC CHEMICAL INDUSTRY (AREA: NYLON) SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION. THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN SZCZECIN, POLAND FROM OCTOBER 15-21, 1978. THE POLISH DELEGATION URGED GOVERNMENTS TO SUBMIT TO THE POLISH AUTHORITIES AND THE SECRETARIAT BY MAY 1, 1978, THE APPROXIMATE SIZE OF THEIR NATIONAL DELEGATION.

9. THE LEAD-IN-PETROL DOCUMENT WAS SET ASIDE AND NOT DISCUSSED IN VIEW OF OTHER DOCUMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT ALREADY PUBLISHED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING WHO. SORENSON

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